was subcloned in pGL3 Basic (Promega) to generate pGId2-2750. The *Id2* reporter plasmid pGId2-1330 was generated by 5' deletion of the larger promoter fragment pGId2-2750. Plasmids pGId2-EcoRI and pGId2-EcoRIm were generated by placing a 900-bp *Eco*RI fragment upstream of a 204-bp minimal *Id2* promoter. All plasmids harbor a 35-bp region downstream of the start site. Site-specific mutagenesis was performed by a PCR-based protocol, and transfections and luciferase assays were done as described (41). Luciferase activity was normalized to the expression of pCMV-LacZ cotransfected as an internal standard. PCR primers used for chromatin immunoprecipitation assays were 5'-TCTGTTCCACTGTGGCACGTAT-3' (SEQ ID NO:3)(sense) and 5'-CTCGATAATGGGGAAACAGTGT- 3' (SEQ ID NO:4)(antisense). A detailed protocol for chromatin crosslinking, immunoprecipitation, and PCR has been published (31).--

Please amend paragraph 137, at page 47, to read as follows:

--Phosphorothioate oligonucleotides complementary to human Id2 and the mismatched control were obtained from Gibco BRL. The sequences of the oligonucleotides were as follows: Id2-AS, 5'-AGGCTTTCATGCTGACCGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:5); Id2-MSM, 5'-GCGAGTTGTCGCACGGTCT-3' (SEQ ID NO:6). Oligonucleotides were mixed with Superfect (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions, and were used to treat LAN1 cells at the final concentration of 0.8 M. After incubation for 24 h, cells were analyzed for the ability to incorporate BrdU and form colonies in soft agar.--

Remarks

The specification amendments are made solely to comply with the sequence requirements, and introduce no new matter. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.